(2) Regular review of Redline bus services is undertaken by the Transport Department in coordination with the Law enforcing agencies. In a meeting on 19-10-1995 the case of a rape committed by the bus crew on route No. 423 on 4-9-1995 came up for discussion and it was decided to cancel the permit of the bus after following the procedural formalities.

(3) In view of the high rate of accidents and other offences committed by the Redline buses, the STA under Section 68 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 has delegated the powers to the Joint Directors and Deputy Directors of Transport Department and Assistant Commissioners of Police of Delhi Traffic Police to take action for suspension of permits under Section 86 of the said Act.

(4) Mobile Courts have been proposed to be set up to try cases relating to traffic offences and other violations committed by the vehicles in Delhi.

(5) The question of amending the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to give stringent punishment for various offences relating to traffic is being looked into by a sub-committee formed by the Transport Development Council.

**International Seminar on Privatisation of Ports**

*57. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two-day International Seminar on privatisation of ports has been held in India recently;

(b) if so, the main points discussed in the Seminar;

(c) the extent to which the discussions have helped Government in privatisation of ports;

(d) whether any concrete decision in this regard has been scheduled; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) Various aspects of Ports such as efficiency, privatisation, legal environment and response of labour in the context of country's Maritime Trade were discussed in the Seminar.

(c) and (d) It provided an opportunity to Government and port officials to interact with Port Users and Port Labour on various issues. No formal decisions were taken.

(e) Does not arise.

**Repair of N.H. No. 43**

*58. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor condition of National Highway No. 43;

(b) whether there is a need to improve and repair this National Highway particularly from Nawarangpur and Raipur;

(c) whether there is also a need to widen Nawarangpur portion of the National Highway and also to raise the level of the road from the hills to Salur town; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) National Highway No. 43 is maintained

in a traffic-worthy condition within available funds.

(b) to (d) A length of approximately 50 kms. between Raipur and Boriguma near Nabarangpur is still single-lane. However, there is no provision in the Eighth Five Year Plan for widening this section due to constraint of funds. Realignment of National Highway near Salur town is provided for in the Eighth Five Year Plan and the need for raising, if any, will be known after survey and investigation is carried out.

**Spurt in ISI activities along the Rajasthan and Gujarat sectors**

*59. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ISI have stepped up its activities including smuggling of contraband items along the Rajasthan and Gujarat sectors and have taken steps to spread discord among the population living in the border areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Bangladeshis, Pakistanis and others arrested in 1994 and so far in 1995 along Rajasthan/ Gujarat sector;

(d) the quantity of narcotics, arms and ammunition, gold and contraband items seized alongwith the value thereof during the past three years along Rajasthan/Gujarat sectors; and

(e) what steps have been taken to monitor and control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) After completion of entire work of border fencing/flood lighting in Punjab and in Ganganagar and Bikaner sectors in Rajasthan, there has been a spurt in ISI activities in the remaining areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat, which include smuggling of arms and ammunition, narcotics and contraband items as also infiltration of terrorists.

(c) Details of Bangladeshis, Pakistanis and others apprehended on International borders of Rajasthan and Gujarat during 1994 and 1995 are as under:—

| | 1994 | | 1995 (Upto Oct.) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Gujarat | Rajasthan | Gujarat | Rajasthan |
| (i) Bangladeshis | 29 | 2472 | 13 | 962 |
| (ii) Pakistanis | 10 | 36 | 41 | 19 |
| (iii) Others | 24 | 747 | 13 | 406 |

(d) A statement is annexed (*See* below)

(e) To counter such activities, border fencing/flood lighting work has been completed in 334 Kms. in Ganganagar/ Bikaner sectors of Rajasthan. Work on 387 Kms. in Jaisalmer and Barmer sectors is under execution and will be completed by June, 1996. Additional fencing/flood lighting work in 165 Kms. in Shahgarh Bulge of Jaisalmer District has been sanctioned and is scheduled for completion in 1996-97.

As far as Gujarat is concerned, BSF deployment along the 508 Kms. of